

GREAT WESTERN STOCK COMPANY IS VERY GOOD

The Great Western Stock company opened a week's engagement at the Grand last night, with one of the strongest stock company productions ever presented here. The play was a strong political comedy-drama, with an underlying human interest plot that was filled with pathos. The cast is composed of capable players and the unusually large house was more than pleased with the play, although last night's bill was not exactly the kind of a show to take well with a Vinita audience. However the parts were so well handled that the audience could not but be pleased.

This company will present an entirely new play each night and we predict that before the week is out the crowds will equal those that saw the Harrison Stock company here a few weeks ago.

INDIAN TAX CLAIMS UPHELD.

A U. S. Supreme Court Ruling of Vast Importance to Oklahoma.

Washington, May 13.—By a decision in which the United States supreme court bluntly said today that the constitution casts its protecting arm over the Indian as much as it does over the white man, and that the vested rights of an Indian are as sacred as those of a white man, the following things will happen to the state of Oklahoma:

Nearly one-half of the privately owned land of the state will be exempt from taxation until about 1926.

The state and counties will have to refund about 8 million dollars of taxes unlawfully collected on Indian lands.

The state will lose about 2 million dollars in taxes.

The Indians will get 60 million dollars' worth of lands exempted from taxation for the next fourteen years.

Many counties which have had a hard time getting along with the tax derived from Indian lands will be forced, virtually, into bankruptcy.

Members of the Oklahoma delegation in congress are not willing to admit that their state has been so hard hit. Senator Gore says the damage to the state is greatly exaggerated because the tax exemption applies only to land while it is in the hands of the original allottee, whereas much of the land has been sold by the Indians and has thus become taxable. The senator has written to Governor Crouse for exact data as to the amount of land affected by the decision.

Land Worth 60 Million Affected.

SWELL STRIPES!



Swell stripes!

We've been "caught with the goods," and "convicted" of "getting away" with more than our share of the "spoils" this Season.

You'll pardon us, won't you? But we can't help it! We have better values that's all!

In justice to yourself before buying Shirts, Hats, Shoes or Clothing, you'll visit this store of splendid stocks and better service.

No other shop is so well equipped to serve your interests as that one that makes price its last argument.

H. S. & M. Clothes, \$20.00 and up.

Styleplus Clothes \$17.00

Our "swell stripes" in shirts pajamas—ties will arrest your attention.

JUMBO Mer. Co.

This store is the home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothes

Without undertaking to state just what proportion of Oklahoma's lands are affected, J. F. McMurray, who fought this suit for the Choctaws and Chickasaws to its successful conclusion estimates that 60 million dollars worth of Indian land is exempted from taxation by this decision.

The litigation which has resulted in a decision of such far reaching consequences was a series of three suits: One styled George W. Choate et al. against M. E. Trapp, secretary of the state board of equalization, in which there are 8,000 Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian plaintiffs; a second styled Gleason vs. Woods, treasurer of Pittsburg county, and a third, entitled Beale Brown English et al. versus S. T. Richardson, county treasurer of Tulsa county, this case being the suit brought in behalf of the Creek Indians.

The Plaintiffs, 8,000 Indians.

On June 28, 1898, members of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Seminole and Creek Indians, constituting the five civilized tribes of Oklahoma, entered into a pact with the government whereby it was agreed on the part of the government that in consideration of the Indians submitting, among other things, to a division of their lands and accepting individual allotments, such allotments shall be exempt from taxation so long as the lands are in the possession of the original allottees for a period of not exceeding twenty-one years.

Then on May 27, 1908, Congress removed the restriction on all Indian lands of the five civilized tribes, except as to full bloods, and made these lands subject to taxation. Thereupon, Oklahoma proceeded to levy and collect the tax on the lands. The Choctaws and Chickasaws at a great council held at Tishomingo decided to fight the tax collections, and eight thousand of these Indians entered into individual contracts with J. F. McMurray to contest the taxation. Injunction suits were filed, tried and lost in the superior court of Logan county, Oklahoma, and in the supreme court of Oklahoma, and finally reached the supreme court and were decided in favor of the Indians today.

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Returns of the railways to the Interstate Commerce Commission for the month of February, 1912, which have been compiled by the Bureau of Railway Economics, show increases both in receipts and expenses as compared with February, 1911.

The returns, which cover about 90 per cent of the steam railway mileage of the country, average as follows per mile of line for the month: Total operating revenues per mile of line averaged \$966, as compared with \$891 in February, 1911, the increase resulting almost entirely from freight traffic, passenger revenue having slightly decreased. Operating expenses per mile of line averaged \$712, as compared with \$668 in February, 1911; net operating revenue \$254, as compared with \$223 in February, 1911. Taxes amounted to \$44 per mile of line, an increase of ten and nine-tenths per cent over February of the previous year.

As February contained twenty-nine days in 1912 and twenty-eight days in 1911, the returns for this month of the current year, other things equal, would be one twenty-eighth, or nearly four per cent, greater than for February, 1911. A comparison that eliminates the effect of the extra day is of the returns per mile of line for each day. The net operating revenue thus averaged \$8.76 per mile of line per day in February, 1912, \$7.95 in 1911, and approximately \$9.20 in 1910.

Therefore \$8.76 is the average amount that accrued to each mile of line for each day of February for the payment of taxes, rentals, interest on bonds, appropriations for betterments, and dividends; and this on a net average capitalization stated by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its volume of statistics for the fiscal year 1910 to be \$62,657 per mile of line. The total net capitalization of all of the railways of the United States as shown by that report is \$14,338,575,940.

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Proof of Elephant's Sagacity.
Elephants are always quoted as being the most sagacious of animals. A story comes from Bombay, India, of one who saved the life of an artilleryman recently. The man was seated on the tumbrel of one of the guns, and fell off almost under the hind wheel. The elephant was just behind the gun and saw the danger the man was in. He lifted the wheel with his trunk, and kept it held up until the carriage had passed quite clear of the man. The act was witnessed by an officer of the artillery.

Men That Do Women's Work.
Among some of the American Indian tribes of the southwestern United States, says a writer in Wide World Magazine, there is a curious custom of men occasionally assuming the work of women as a life occupation. This, when it occurs, is voluntarily undertaken, and seems to be due to a preference for feminine labors, the man sinking his identity as far as possible by assuming woman's garb.

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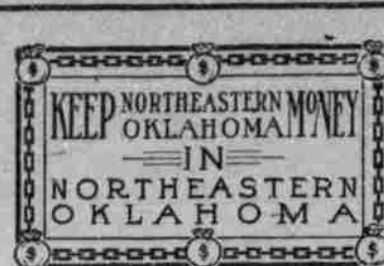
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Our
"Leading Citizens"

If it were possible that we could convert 10 leading citizens who spend say \$5,000 a year (but out of town) into the belief that they owe their support to the town where they make their money it would "boom" Vinita just as much as to "land" a factory here that would employ 75 men spending \$900 a year—it would possibly cost a good sized bonus to secure the factory.

Vinita Retailers Association

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chieftain is authorized to announce G. L. White of Centralia as a candidate for County Commissioner for the First District of Craig County, subject to the Democratic primary August 6, 1912.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Attorney for Craig County, subject to the Democratic primary in August.

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FOR SHERIFF.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce Billy Friend a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Craig County, subject to August primary.

I am a candidate for re-election, on the Democratic ticket, to the office of County Attorney of Craig County, Oklahoma, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the primary to be held in August, 1912.

C. CALDWELL.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce J. Wes Harris a candidate for County Commissioner for the Third District of Craig County, subject to the Democratic primary.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

I desire to announce myself as a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds of Craig County, Okla., subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in August, 1912.

W. L. TROTT.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce Mrs. H. W. C. Shelton a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Schools of Craig County, subject to the Democratic primary in August.

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The Chieftain is authorized to announce L. P. Smart as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Craig County, Oklahoma, subject to the Democratic primary, August, 1912.

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for Congress from the Third district, subject to the Republican primaries.

JAMES DENNIS FLYNN.

I hereby announce myself for re-election to the office of County Clerk of Craig County, subject to the Democratic primary August 6.

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R. F. NIX.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce the name of Geo. H. Ogden as a candidate for County Treasurer of Craig County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in August, 1912.

GEO. H. OGDEN.

COUNTY JUDGE.

I am a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of Craig County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in August. I stand on my old platform that of low taxes and law enforcement. I ask the support of all voters who view these matters as I do.

S. F. PARKS.

FOR COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce Pete Coyne as a candidate for Representative in the State Legislature from Craig County, subject to the Democratic Primary, August 6th.

FOR SUPREME JUDGE.

The Chieftain is authorized to announce N. B. Maxey of Muskogee for the office of Judge of the Supreme Court from district number one, subject to the Democratic primary, August 6th.

I am a candidate for County Commissioner of the Third Commissioners' District, Craig County, subject to the Democratic primary to be held in August, 1912.

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VIRGIL A. KINNISON.

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